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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Confirmation No.: 1734
Examiner: Irina Krylova
TC/Art Unit: 1796
Docket No.: 058009-021400
Date: December 16, 2010

RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents Post Office Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

An Advisory Action in the above-referenced application was dated December 6, 2010 and a deadline for reply was set as January 13, 2011. The Action states that the amendment efiled on November 23, 2010 had not been entered because it raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

However, Applicant had paid the fee for a Request for Continued Examination when the amendment filed on November 23, 2010 was filed electronically, and that lee transmittal is visible to Applicant's representative in the file history on Private PAIR. Applicant's representative therefore contacted the Examiner on December 16, 2010 to inquire why the amendment submitted with the Request for Continued Examination had not been entered and to request guidance. During the telephone call with the Examiner, the Examiner told Applicant's representative that no record of a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is of record and requested that Applicant resubmit the amendment and documentation of payment of the RCI: fee.